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## EDITORIAL

### THE NATION MOURNS.

In the death of Mrs. William McKinley, widow of the late martyred president, who died at her home in Canton, O., Sunday afternoon, the nation has suffered the loss of one of the sweetest and noblest of women whose death it has ever been our duty to chronicle.

Mrs. McKinley has been an invalid for some years, the immediate cause of death being a slight stroke of paralysis which, owing to her weakened condition, she was not able to overcome.

Mrs. McKinley's life was one of sublime devotion. She was the one upon her husband lavished the tenderness of a great soul. The tenderness which Mr. McKinley displayed for his helpmeet throughout their association has now become famous. In the strife for a living, in the midst of the turmoil of politics and all during the cares of state-manship he kept her always in his protecting presence.

Funeral services were held today in Canton, attended by President Roosevelt, Vice President Fairbanks, members of the cabinet and many other prominent people. The remains were laid beside those of her late husband, until the national mausoleum in McKinley hill, Canton, is completed, when both caskets will be transferred to receptacles in that place.

"Requiescat in peace."

The acting governor of New Mexico, Hon. J. W. Reynolds has had thrust upon him at this time a most unpleasant duty, the decision that shall save or cause to be taken the lives of two human beings. Pressure is being brought to bear upon him to commute the sentence of death on June 7 of one Valentina Madrid, aged 18, convicted of murdering her husband by giving him poison, and a negro, Alma Lyons, age 17, for being an accessory to the crime.

Both girls are illiterate, ignorant and low born, both have shadowed reputations and neither of these creatures realize the enormity of their terrible crime for which there is no extenuation. Being less than intelligently human, yet human, there is a sober question as to the justice of hanging such degenerates. This is not said in any spirit of lessening their guilt or the grade of their crime—for it was murder. But shall we, who know their half-witted and weak mental condition, permit this.

If our petition to Acting Governor Reynolds will assist in marking this territory as a spot where the spirit of fairness toward the weak and ignorant is clearly developed, and where the fact that they are women is an argument when all else has failed, they should be punished and confined for life and taught the laws of morality and decency and in some measure have made up to them the fatal neglect of their unguided and untutored childhood. They should labor and earn their way, but should never again be permitted their liberty—this more for the protection of others than the punishment of themselves.

In pronouncing the death sentence the judge in the case did his bounden duty as the law and evidence placed upon him to do and in exercising his prerogative of clemency, Acting Governor Reynolds will yield to the wishes of the people he governs and doubtless also to his own spirit of mercy and charity toward the weak and crime-stained women the law has placed within his charge.

Let every interested woman write the governor upon this matter and let each add her mite to the glory of New Mexico in shielding the territory as far as may be from the blot of taking the life of any woman even in the majestic name of the law.

Between the taking of human life and the wilful blasting of human hope and happiness there is a vast difference in the eyes of humanity, but it will remain for eternity to unfold the real difference in the eyes of God.

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### Folsom Notes.

Miss Alice Rope is visiting Miss Anna Brown on the mesa.

Mrs. Kent is visiting friends and relatives in Texas.

School closed Friday and everyone speaks very highly of the work done by both teachers and pupils during the past year.

James Kent purchased a monkey of a traveling man, for which he paid \$35, and the people on Main street are highly entertained both day and night.

M. R. Belisle came down from the mesa Wednesday and took the train for Oklahoma, and will also visit Missouri and spend a few months in hopes of regaining his health, which is very poor.

Mrs. Harry Thompson and children are spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Guyer.

Mr. Hill was in Clayton a few days this week on business.

Mrs. Murray has some fine thoroughbred Plymouth Rock hens.

### ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS

Mr. I. Schwartz of La Belle was a visitor in town, Monday.

A grand ball will be given at Garlick Hall next Saturday evening.

John Pearson left for Raton, Monday, to attend the Elk's lodge at that place.

Miss Nellie Pritchard has been staying with Mrs. Graine on their ranch the past week while Mr. Graine was away.

F. J. Bush and family, from East Las Vegas, arrived in camp last Thursday. Mr. Bush is the manager for the Alma mining company.

Mr. Kahn, from Dallas, Texas, passed through camp last Thursday, on his way to Twining where he will begin work on his mining property.

J. W. Fulton, whose saw mill in Cimarron canyon near Ute Park, burned down some time ago, has rebuilt and is again ready to start up the mill.

Merlin Hudson who has been working at the Deep Tunnel for the past winter, left Wednesday morning for the Black Lakes where he will have charge of the saw mill at that place.

Mrs. J. A. Knowland and son Terry were over from their ranch on Red River the first of the week. B. J. Young, Dr. C. R. Bass and Jasper Souther made a trip to Ute Park last Friday.—Red River Prospector.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the county clerk since the last issue:

May 23—O. H. B. Turner to Green McAbee, portions of lots 4 and 5 in block 4, Maxwell West addition to Raton. Consideration, \$500.

May 21—Ralph Aird to Thomas Cade, lots 7 and 8, block 39, original townsite of Raton. Consideration, \$250.

February 20—Jeremiah Leahy to Thomas Cade, lots 9 and 10, block 39, original townsite of Raton. Consideration, \$200.

May 20—John T. Hill to Hiram Wigglesworth, lots 12, 13 and 14 in block 10, and lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 in block 17 North side addition to Raton. Consideration, \$489.

April 18—C. H. Colgrove et al., to S. O. Kingry, lots 13, 14 and 15, block 7, Willow Springs addition. Consideration, \$255.

October 20, 1906—John Wilson to Charles Content, lots 11 and 12, block D, Maxwell North addition to Raton. Consideration, \$1,325.

May 18—Jeremiah Leahy to J. A. McIntosh, lots 13 to 18 inclusive, block 39, original townsite of Raton. Consideration, \$800.

### CUTTING ALFALFA

Near Carlsbad  
Carlsbad, N. M., May 24.—The first alfalfa to be cut this season was brought to town from the valley and was the finest hay that has been sold in the town this season.

New hay has been shipped in from the upper valley for the past week or two, but it is equalled in fiber and foliage of the local product.

### POTATOES WITHOUT CULTIVATION

The other day a couple of pioneers were discussing the opening of the new country at the head of the Ponil, and to illustrate the well-known productivity of the soil of these vast parks, one of them told the following:

"Some years ago I took dinner with one of the ranch families up at the head of one of these canons, and noticing the excellence of the potatoes which formed a very substantial portion of the meal, I asked the host where they were raised. He told me that they were raised just a short distance from the ranch house, by himself and neighbors. I asked him how they went about it to raise such potatoes as these, and he said:

"Well, you see, along in the spring, one of our ranchers goes into town and gets a sack of potatoes for seed. Then we set a day when we will get together, several families of us, and load up the woman and children and a lot of lunch and a plow and the potatoes into wagons and drive up the canon to a suitable spot for planting potatoes. We start in and plow a furrow along in the sod, and the women and children follow and drop the potatoes. Then we plow another furrow to cover them up, and so on as long as the potatoes last."

"And then what?" I asked.

"Oh, then we eat our lunch and visit 'till it is time to go home," said he.

"But, what about the potatoes?" I interrogated.

"Oh, said my host, in the fall after other work is done we all go together and plow them out and the women and children pick them up and divide them around for the winter's supply."

"But during the summer, how do you cultivate them?" I asked.

"He looked at me blankly. 'Cultivate?' he asked in surprise. 'What the hell do you mean by cultivate?'"

Before the advent of railroad transportation, it is a fact, that grain, garden stuff, etc., was raised in sufficient quantities for home consumption without difficulty and very little labor all over the Cimarron country by the ranchers, whose principal source of revenue was the raising of cattle. Now that the railroads have opened up this vast garden spot, and there will be ample market for every sort of product, scientific farming will take the place of some of the older industries, and the thousands of acres of arable lands will be made to produce farm products of all kinds.

The theory that in California people don't die, but dry up and blow away, receives confirmation from the advertisement of a Moravia man who wants to sell his cemetery lot and monument.

"Grandma" Early, believed to be the earliest settler in Kansas, is living in Atchison. Mrs. Early arrived at the famous old Shawnee mission, in what is now Johnson county, in 1839.

Charles M. Schwab proposes to give his sister \$2,000,000 as a wedding present. This should put at rest all the stories about his having tried to break the bank at Monte Carlo.

According to the latest circulation, nine per cent. of all kisses are laden with germs. So long as it is not 99 per cent. nearly everybody will continue to take chances.

The spot on the sun is 1,000 times as big as the United States. Swetnam will decline to regard that as worth talking about.

A revival of bicycling is predicted. Well, it used to be sore trial for persons who were not athletic but had to be fashionable.

### Really Bitter End.

A teacher had been reading to her pupils a story which contained the words "bitter end." A child asked what it meant, and the teacher in turn asked if any child could use the words in a sentence. One little girl raised her hand and gave her idea as follows: "I had a little kitty, and a dog chased her, and when she was running under the porch the dog bit her end."

### A Testimonial.

The following testimonial was given to a servant girl: "This is to certify that the bearer has been in my service one year less 11 months. During that time I found her to be diligent at her back door, temperate at her work, prompt at excuses, amiable toward young gentlemen, faithful to her sweethearts, and honest when everything was safe under lock and key."

### Force of Habit.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Mrs. Stubb, as she dropped the paper. "An earthquake must be a terrible catastrophe. I wonder what would be my first exclamation if I should be walking along and the street began to sway and the buildings to topple?"

"I can tell," laughed Mr. Stubb, from behind his sporting paper.

"What, dear?"

"Is my hat on straight?" —Chicago Daily News.

### Another Canal Project.

Another canal project is to be mentioned. Germany in the Kiel channel has a waterway by which she can shift her warships from the North sea to the Baltic or vice versa at will, and she is also developing her interior system, showing she is giving attention to the needs of peace and commerce as well as those of war and national defense. High officials in England have suggested the advisability of constructing a canal from the Clyde to the Forth for the use of battleships. It appears, says Troy Times, there is a feasible channel of about 30 miles, and all that is needed is dredging the bottom, which is of soft sand. It is asserted that the canal can be so contrived that the tides will scour it and thus prevent it from being filled up again, wherein a great advantage will be scored over many other similar canals, including the Suez, where there has to be constant fighting to maintain a proper depth of water. What England will do is not announced, but this multiplicity of canal undertakings must impress the observer. The United States is in the lead in such matters, and it is typical of its spirit that all of the works now under way are intended primarily for purposes of peace and to facilitate commerce.

The official figures, just forthcoming, show that leather takes an important place in the commerce of the United States, the aggregate having amounted to \$150,000,000 in 1906. This represents a rapid growth, our leather dealings ten years ago having been but \$55,000,000. Our imports are mainly hides and skins, which are the crude material for our leather-working industries, while foreign countries are taking our manufactures of leather in many forms and in increasing quantities. In 1906 we sold abroad \$3,500,000 worth of boots and shoes and \$25,000,000 worth of sole leather. The biggest item in imports of this character was \$32,500,000 worth of goatskins, to be made up into the high-class American shoes which are steadily walking into favor the world over.

Instead of being the fabulously rich man generally reported, poor Mr. Rockefeller has a beggarly income of only twenty paltry millions. And he is being hounded on all sides, envy seeking to deprive him, in the sere and yellow leaf of his days, even of this miserable pittance. The fact simply goes to prove how envy and malice will snatch at the few millions raked and scraped together in a life of industry, hard rebating and honest toil.

Prof. Sidney L. Wrightson, president, director and the owner of the Washington College of Music; musical director of the Washington Choral society, and conductor of the Washington concert choir, has been unanimously elected by the board of governors of the Jamestown exposition as musical director of the exposition.

The aggregate value of the clocks, watches and scientific instruments imported into Great Britain during 1906 was \$10,885,536, an increase of \$541,809 over 1905. Of this amount the United States supplied \$276,344 worth of clocks and \$1,942,775 worth of scientific instruments, the value of watches not being stated.

Why wouldn't it be an excellent idea for the rhetoric professors in the colleges to give the students in their classes weekly exercise in translating the slang of their everyday conversation into English?

A New York soprano has recovered \$10,000 from a street car company for the loss of her voice. If she finds her voice again, will she return the money to the street car company?

A physician states that by hanging onions in the house sickness can be prevented. The occupancy of the house can also be prevented at the same time.

Albert Holden, the minister with 13 wives, is certainly in luck to be sent to the penitentiary for six years just before the Easter bonnet season opens.

The fashion writers who are trying to revive the hoopskirt are wasting their energies. Hoopskirts and automobiles were never made to go together.

The Standard Oil company's dividends do not seem to take any notice whatever of the extra expense it is supposed to incur by litigation.

Mr. Rockefeller's gift of \$32,000,000 in one lump is still the record, but Mrs. Russell Sage could double it if she wanted to.

"Do we need more money?" asks a writer in Harper's Weekly. After consulting with our creditors we reply we do.

Suspicion is the first broken link in the chain of friendship.

### Millions for Damages.

The various (street car) companies of Greater New York reported for 1905 a total of \$2,098,009.50 paid out in damages. Two million dollars in a single year! But this was not all, remarks John P. Fox, in Everybody's. The same companies reported for legal expenses in connection with accidents the further item of \$1,005,892.81, making the total amount of damages \$3,103,902.40. This is equivalent to 60,000,000 fares a year! The total amount paid out by all the tram companies of the United Kingdom, including Great Britain and Ireland, for the year 1903-1904, was only \$591,000! Or, take it by cities. The amount paid out by the municipal system of Liverpool for 1905 was \$53,800. The amount paid out by the Boston Elevated, operating the surface systems of Boston, for 1906, was \$603,576! The traffic of the chief Berlin company is greater by half than that of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company. The amount paid out in 1905 by this Berlin company was \$65,500. The amount paid out by the Brooklyn company in 1905 was \$648,038.10!

A farmer who has just driven into Vermillion, Saskatchewan, in a dog sled brings word that he is running the most northerly wheat-raising ranch in the world, and he submits specimens of fine grain to prove the statement. As his farm is 1,500 miles above the international boundary line it certainly is pretty well north, but the farmer is enthusiastic over the conditions. All the region needs, he affirms, is the opening up of communication, as travel by dog conveyance and without roads or trails is a little slow. He admits that the winters are a trifle severe up there, but says the summers are great for grain raising. No doubt Canada will hail this as a fresh boom for her wonderful northwest, but it is quite likely that the average farmer would prefer a section which does not require a combination of agriculture with arctic exploration.

The toll roads once so numerous all over the country are gradually but surely becoming free public highways. The toll system was recognized as a necessity of earlier times, but the modern spirit will not submit to the restrictions involved in being compelled to pay tribute to private ownership. Yet the toll road has by no means entirely disappeared, and it is found even in close proximity to big and prosperous cities. Cleveland, O., one of the foremost towns in the state, is moving to secure the abolition of 19 miles of toll roads in Cuyahoga county, in which Cleveland is located. Rensselaer county some years ago threw open its tollgates, and can lay claim to rank among the most progressive communities in the Empire state.

There is an enormous number of small landholders in Egypt, 5,000,000 acres being cultivated by over 1,000,000 landowners, of whom 6,000 are Europeans, owning, on an average, a little over 100 acres. Nine hundred and forty peasants hold under five acres each, or 23 per cent. of the whole cultivated land, while 12,000 men of means have holdings above 50 acres, their total being over 2,250,000 acres, or 44 per cent. of the whole; proprietors of between five and twenty acres having 21 per cent.

That village innkeeper at Winston, Eng., must have been amazed when he discovered that the portrait of Shakespeare, which had been valued in his family only because of its antiquity, was worth about \$20,000—considerably more than all his other property.

A tower which will be 700 feet high is being erected at Coney Island. This should not be permitted. People who go to Coney Island ought always to remain as near the ground as possible.

There is in Pittsburg a magistrate who thinks mince pie is likely to make people commit crimes. Why does he overlook the crime-breeding properties of the Welsh rarebit?

A Japanese was struck by a Southern Pacific train the other day and hurled 40 feet, but got up unhurt. No wonder the Russians couldn't whip those people.

A female suffragist says that women can vote as easily as they can put on a new hat. Yes; but will they take equal care that the ballot is on straight?

"I write," says Marie Corelli, "because I am impelled by a force that I cannot resist." Needs the money?—or merely "scribbler's itch?"

A jackrabbit with five horns has been seen out in Pratt county, Kan. And Kansas, as everybody knows, is a prohibition state.

Last year the British bicycle factory output exceeded that for any previous year. Sports are sports, not fads, with Joe Bull.

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